THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Price fixation/ revision of formulations based on scheduled bulk drugs is done in accordance with the provisions of DPCO, 1987, which is an on going process. The Prices of formulations based on indigenously produced bulk drugs are fixed/revised on the basis of actual purchase price or the notified price of the bulk drugs whichever is lower/and on the weighted average landed price or actual procurement price whichever is lower in the case of formulations based on substantially or wholly imported bulk drugs.

(c) After the promulgation of DPCO' 1987, the BICP has submitted report on cost-cum-technical studies in respect of 82 indigenously produced scheduled bulk drugs. Out of the 142 bulk drugs, under price control, at present 38 bulk drugs are reported to be either not manufactured in the country or being substantially imported and for the remaining bulk drugs and the bulk drugs for which validity period has expired fresh cost-cum-technical studies have been initiated by BICP, which is an on going process.

(d) and (e) Market prices of bulk drugs are dependent on a variety of commercial factors. However, in whichever case, difference in the market prices and the notified prices is substantial for a considerable length of time, corrective measures are initiated.

Fixation of ceiling prices of formulations

6873. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has fixed ceiling prices for about 300 packs under DPCO, 1987;

(b) what is the ceiling price currently fixed for each pack and when was it fixed/ revised last;

(c) whether it is fact that several formulations are being sold above the ceiling prices in the market and if so, what are their details;

(d) who keeps watch and reviews the ceiling prices and whether 8 per cent incidentals on bulk drugs have been allowed in the case of all the ceiling prices; and

(e) whether there are any ceiling prices where 8 per cent incidentals on bulk drugs have not been allowed; if so, the names of such formulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) The packs for which ceiling prices have been fixed/revised under DPCO 1987 are around 400. These have been notified in the Official Gazette from time to time. The fixation/ revision and the implementation of the prices of formulations, including those of ceiling packs, are done in accordance with the provisions of DPCO, 1987.

Review Committee for DPEA

6874. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that review committee for DPEA set up by the Ministry has been asked to work out liabilities under Drug Price Control Order, 1979 only and not for the full period for which the liabilities are due; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to enlarge the scope of the Committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO